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Hello Bill,

Next Monday will be my last day here at ODEQ, I do not have any interviews scheduled as I plan on wrapping up my work here. I do plan on talking with (b) (6) if they have time next Monday (these will have to be telephone interviews though).

Tomorrow we are going up to Bristow to meet with the (b) (6) for interviews.

Here is the contact list for the people that I have interviewed thus far:

(b) (6)



Results of the interviews:

- Everyone mostly seemed very grateful that the site was getting cleaned up; they all want it to be done as fast as possible and as soon as possible. They want the land cleaned up and taken care of before it causes damage to anyone else. Some expressed interest in restricting access to the site or to put up fencing to keep curious people away from exposure and possible harm to themselves.
- Some were concerned with the method of cleanup and expressed interest in having local contractors involved as much as possible.
- A lot of people were worried about the children and pets living on the site. These concerns were that a lot of pets had strange growths on the outer areas of their bodies, growing livestock on the land is no longer a viable option, and reproductive effects of the



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contamination on the children's futures. Some were concerned about the women who were of reproductive age or were pregnant while spending time on the site, whether it be living on the site or spending time at the church on the site. Some children used to play in the creek behind the church and in the mud on the site. Some community members remembered drinking the well water in the parsonage before the city line was put in.

- People worried about the cancer clusters in all ages. Many people are saying there have been about 800 cases of cancer in a town of about 4,253 people, which they thought were staggering statistics but the health trends in the area are still unknown.
 - We are communicating with the chronic disease department at the Oklahoma State Department of Health to keep updated on possible health trends in this area.
- Some people were worried about hexavalent chromium, trichloroethylene, and lead in the water.
 - We have sent out information referring them to the EPA and ODEQ water quality websites to access regulations and water testing results in Bristow.
- Future uses of the land had mixed reviews. Many people thought the land should be kept residential as they are trying to grow the city out that way, others thought an industrial park would help the economy of the city, and another recommendation was that the land could be used as a beautiful park entrance into the city. Majority of interviewees did not want the site to become a wasteland like Pitcher, OK. Quite a few people were concerned that the land might be too contaminated, beyond the ability to clean up. Some church members would like to see the church rebuilt on the site after cleanup.
- Another concern from many of the interviews was the impact that this site could potentially have on the city. It comes with a negative stigma, which negatively reflects on the city, which could potentially negatively impact the economy and population growth. Some expressed interest in having the site known as the Creek County Superfund site or Wilcox Superfund site instead of the Bristow Superfund site.
- Many people were concerned about misinformation floating around, especially on social media.
 - We are currently still working on the Wilcox site webpage on the ODEQ website that will serve as a central point in information for community members to go to.

Things in "red" are new updates. ☺

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